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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for producing a cushion material composed of a resin molded article having a spring structure having a three-dimensional structure with voids at a predetermined bulk density comprising the steps of:

forming the three-dimensional structure by contacting, entwining, and gathering adjacent ones of random loops or curls of solid and/or hollow filaments made from a thermoplastic resin;

placing the three-dimensional structure within a cavity of a female die <u>made from</u> concrete;

heating at least the female die to a temperature sufficiently high to soften the threedimensional structure within the cavity of the female die;

setting a volume of the cavity of the female-die to accommodate a stroke of a male-die in a translation into the cavity, said stroke being a distance of the translation of said male-die into said cavity to a position between a minimum stroke closest to a top of said cavity and a maximum stroke, said maximum stroke being at a deep level within said cavity closest to a bottom thereof;

adjusting a thickness of the three-dimensional structure by said translation of the male die while removably engaged with a base adapted for permanent attachment to said three-dimensional structure, into the cavity of the female die for a said stroke equal to or less than said maximum stroke;

compressing the three-dimensional structure between said base and said bottom of said cavity into a shape corresponding with a shape of said base and [[to]] a thickness corresponding to the length of the stroke of the male-die into the female-die; and

hardening the three-dimensional structure by a cooling thereof.

2. (Previously presented) A method as described in claim 1, wherein superfluous edges of the three-dimensional structure protruded outside between the two mating dies are cut

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with a heat cutter so that the edges are cut out and open ends of edge filaments are fused together.

- 3. (Canceled).
- 4. (Canceled).
- 5. (Canceled).
- 6. (Canceled).
- 7. (Canceled).
- 8. (Canceled).
- 9. (Canceled).
- 10. (Canceled).
- 11. (Canceled).
- 12. (Canceled).